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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. FUKUDA et al.
Serial No.: 10/649,636
Filed: August 28, 2003
For: VOLUME ALLOCATION WITHIN A STORAGE MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM (As Amended)
Group: 2161
Examiner: C. Daye

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 22, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 6, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Title are on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks are included following the amendments.